APPENDIX B

Claims 1-46 (canceled)

47. (new) A content processing apparatus comprising:

a first storage section that stores therein an identifier unique to the content processing apparatus and identification data;

an encrypting section that encrypts content using the identifier, while encrypting the identification data using the identifier; and

an output section that stores the content encrypted and the identification data encrypted in a content storage medium in association with each other.

48. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 47, further comprising:

an authentication section that authenticates whether access is allowed to a first area of the content storage medium having the first area and a second area, wherein the output section stores the identification data encrypted in the first area, while storing the content encrypted in the second area.

49. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 47, further comprising:

a second storage section that stores therein a title of the content to store in the content storage medium, in association with the identification data.

50. (new) A content processing apparatus comprising:

a first storage section that stores therein an identifier unique to the content processing apparatus;

an encrypting section that encrypts content using the identifier; and

an output section that stores the content encrypted in a directory of the content storage medium, a name of the directory being of the identifier.

51. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 50, wherein the first storage section stores a plurality of identifiers, and the identifier used in encrypting is different from the identifier used as the name of the directory of the content storage medium.

52. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 50, wherein the name of the directory of the content storage medium is obtained by encrypting the identifier, instead of the identifier.

53. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 50, wherein the output section stores information related to the content encrypted and the content encrypted in the same directory in the content storage medium.

54. (new) A content processing apparatus comprising:

a first storage section that stores therein an

identifier unique to the content processing apparatus;

an authentication section that authenticates whether access is allowed to a first area of a content storage medium having the first area and a second area;

an encrypting section that encrypts content using the identifier; and

an output section that stores the identifier in the first area, while storing the content encrypted in the second area, in the content storage medium.

55. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 54, wherein the output section stores the content encrypted and link information that associates the identifier with the content encrypted in the same directory in the content storage medium, or stores the content encrypted and the identifier in the content storage medium so that information indicative of a storage location of the content encrypted in the second area agrees with information indicative of a storage location of the identifier in the first area.

56. (new) A content processing apparatus comprising:

a first storage section that stores an identifier unique to the content processing apparatus;

a second storage section that stores information which is different from the identifier and to determine whether encrypted content to store in a content storage

medium can properly be decoded in the content storage medium;

an encrypting section that encrypts content using the identifier; and

an output section that stores the encrypted content and the information in the content storage medium.

57. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 56, further comprising:

an authentication section that authenticates whether access is allowed to a first area of the content storage medium having the first area and a second area, wherein the output section stores the information to determine the encrypted content in the first area, while storing the encrypted content in the second area in association with the information.

58. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 56, wherein the information to determine the encrypted content is information externally set or information set by the content processing apparatus.

59. (new) A content processing apparatus comprising:

a first storage section that stores therein an identifier unique to the content processing apparatus ;

a second storage section that stores therein a directory name of a content storage medium to store

encrypted content;

an encrypting section that encrypts content using the identifier; and

an output section that stores the encrypted content in a directory in the content storage medium with the same directory name as the directory name stored in the second storage section.

60. (new) A content processing method comprising:

encrypting content using an identifier unique to a content processing apparatus that the content processing apparatus has;

encrypting identification data that the content processing apparatus has, using the identifier; and

storing the content encrypted and the identification data encrypted in a content storage medium in association with each other.

61. (new) The content processing method according to claim 60, further comprising:

authenticating that access is allowed to a first area of the content storage medium having the first area and a second area;

storing the identification data encrypted in the first area; and

storing the content encrypted in the second area.

62. (new) A content processing method comprising:

encrypting content using an identifier unique to a content processing apparatus that the content processing apparatus has; and

storing the content encrypted in a directory of a content storage medium, a name of the directory being of the identifier.

63. (new) The content processing method according to claim 62, wherein the content processing apparatus has a first identifier and a second identifier each unique to the content processing apparatus, and an identifier used in encrypting the content is different from an identifier used as the name of the directory.

64. (new) A content processing method comprising:

encrypting content using an identifier unique to a content processing apparatus that the content processing apparatus has;

authenticating that the content processing apparatus is allowed to access to a first area of a content storage medium having the first area and a second area; and

storing the content encrypted in the first area in the content storage medium, in association with the identifier.

65. (new) A content processing method comprising:

encrypting content using an identifier unique to a content processing apparatus that the content processing apparatus has;

storing the content encrypted in a content storage medium; and

storing information in both the content storage medium and the content processing apparatus, the information being different from the identifier and to determine whether the content encrypted can properly be decoded in the content processing apparatus.

66. (new) A content processing method comprising:

encrypting content using an identifier unique to a content processing apparatus that the content processing apparatus has;

storing the content encrypted in a directory of a content storage medium; and

storing a name of the directory in the content processing apparatus.

67. (new) A content processing apparatus comprising:

an input section that reads out encrypted content in a content storage medium, and encrypted first identification data in the content storage medium;

a first storage section that stores therein second identification data and an identifier unique to the

content processing apparatus;

a decoding section that decodes the encrypted first identification data using the identifier; and

a comparing section that compares the first identification data decode with the second identification data in the first storage section,

wherein when the first identification data agrees with the second identification data, the decoding section decodes the encrypted content using the identifier.

68. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 67, further comprising:

an authentication section that authenticates whether access is allowed to a first area of the content storage medium in which the encrypted first identification data is stored in the first area and the encrypted content is stored in a second area.

69. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 67, further comprising:

a second storage section that stores a title of the content corresponding to the second identification data; and

a display section that displays the title of the second storage section when the first identification data decoded agrees with the second identification data in the first storage section in the comparing section.

70. (new) A content processing apparatus comprising:

an input section that reads out encrypted content in a content storage medium and a name of a directory of the content storage medium storing the content;

a first storage section that stores an identifier unique to the content processing apparatus;

a comparing section that compares the name of the directory read from the content storage medium with the identifier; and

a decoding section that decodes the encrypted content using the identifier, when the name of the directory agrees with the identifier.

71. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 70, wherein the first storage section stores a plurality of identifiers, and an identifier to compare with the name of the directory read from the content storage medium is different from an identifier in the first storage section used in decoding the encrypted content.

72. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 70, wherein the name of the directory of the content storage medium is encrypted, and the comparing section compares the name of the directory decoded in the decoding section with the identifier.

73. (new) The content processing apparatus according to

claim 70, wherein when the name of the directory agrees with the identifier in the comparing section, the display section displays information related to the encrypted content stored in the directory having the encrypted content in the content storage medium.

74. (new) A content processing apparatus comprising:

an authentication section that authenticates whether access is allowed to a first area of a content storage medium having the first area and a second area;

an input section that reads out a first identifier in the first area in the content storage medium, and encrypted content, associated with the first identifier, in the second area in the content storage medium;

a first storage section that stores therein a second identifier unique to the content processing apparatus;

a comparing section that compares the first identifier with the second identifier; and

a decoding section that decodes the encrypted content using the second identifier when the first identifier agrees with the second identifier.

75. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 74, wherein the input section reads out the encrypted content from the content storage medium using link information stored in the same directory as that of the encrypted content, or reads out the encrypted content

indicating the same position information in the second area as information indicating a storage location of the identifier in the first area.

76. (new) A content processing apparatus comprising:

an input section that reads out encrypted content in a content storage medium, and first information to determine whether the encrypted content in the content storage medium can properly be decoded in the content processing apparatus;

a first storage section that stores therein an identifier unique to the content processing apparatus;

a second storage section that stores therein second information that is different from the identifier and to determine whether the encrypted content can properly be decoded in the content processing apparatus;

a comparing section that compares the first information with the second information; and

a decoding section that decodes the encrypted content using the identifier when the first information agrees with the second information.

77. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 76, further comprising:

an authentication section that authenticates whether access is allowed to a first area of the content storage medium in which the first information to determine

the encrypted content is stored in the first area and the encrypted content is stored in the second area.

78. (new) The content processing apparatus according to claim 76, wherein the second information to determine the encrypted content is information externally set or information set by the content processing apparatus.

79. (new) A content processing apparatus comprising:

an input section that reads out encrypted content and a name of a first directory from a content storage medium in which the encrypted content is stored in the first directory;

a first storage section that stored an identifier unique to the content processing apparatus;

a second storage section that stores therein a second directory name of the content storage medium in which the encrypted content is stored;

a comparing section that compares a name of the first directory with the second directory name; and

a decoding section that decodes the encrypted content using the identifier when the name of the first directory agrees with the second directory name.

80. (new) A content processing method comprising:

reading out encrypted first identification data in a content storage medium;

decoding the encrypted first identification data using an identifier unique to a content processing apparatus that the content processing apparatus has;

comparing the first identification data decoded with second identification data that the content processing apparatus has; and

decoding encrypted content in the content storage medium using the identifier when the first identification data agrees with the second identification data.

81. (new) The content processing method according to claim 80, further comprising:

authenticating that access is allowed to a first area of the content storage medium in which the encrypted first identification data is stored in the first area and the encrypted content is stored in a second area; and

reading the encrypted first identification data from the first area.

82. (new) A content processing method comprising:

reading out a name of a directory of a content storage medium storing encrypted content;

comparing the name of the directory read with an identifier unique to a content processing apparatus that the content processing apparatus has; and

decoding the encrypted content in the content

storage medium using the identifier when the name of the directory agrees with the identifier.

83. (new) The content processing method according to claim 82, wherein the content processing apparatus has a plurality of identifiers, and when the name of the directory read from the content storage medium agrees with one of the identifiers, the encrypted content is decoded using the one of the identifiers different from the identifier.

84. (new) A content processing method comprising:

authenticating that a content processing apparatus is allowed to access to a first area of a content storage medium in which a first identifier stored in the first area and encrypted content is stored in a second area;

reading out the first identifier from the content storage medium;

comparing the first identifier read with a second identifier unique to the content processing apparatus that the content processing apparatus has; and

decoding the encrypted content of the content storage medium using the second identifier when the first identifier agrees with the second identifier.

85. (new) A content processing method comprising:

reading out encrypted content and first information

from a content storage medium having the first information to determine whether the encrypted content can properly be decoded in a content processing apparatus;

comparing the first information read with second information to determine whether encrypted content of the content processing apparatus can properly be decoded in the content processing apparatus; and

decoding the encrypted content using an identifier which the content processing apparatus has, is unique to the content processing apparatus and different from the second information when the first information agrees with the second information.

86. (new) A content processing method comprising:

reading out a name of a first directory from a content storage medium in which encrypted content is stored in the first directory;

comparing the name of the first directory read with a second directory name that a content processing apparatus has; and

decoding the encrypted content using an identifier unique to the content processing apparatus that the content processing apparatus has when the name of the first directory agrees with the second directory name.